Docket No. 195378US0DIV



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Chieko OSUMI et al

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

SERIAL NO.: 09/675,208

: EXAMINER: S. Baum

FILED: September 29, 2000

FOR: RAFFINOSE SYNTHASE GENE,

METHOD FOR PRODUCING

RAFFINOSE, AND TRANSGENIC PLANT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please cancel Claims 17-21 and 27-30.

REMARKS

Claims 13-16, 22-26, and 31-36 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to an isolated DNA encoding a raffinose synthase having the following properties: